

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2, 3, 6-41, 43-46, and 48-51, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1, 4, 5, 42, and 47. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An image processing apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting image data [having a hierarchical structure] which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;

determination means for determining if the image data is a specific image; and

output means for, when said determination means determines that the image data is the specific image, selecting and outputting ~~a layer to be output of the image data on the basis of a determination result of said determination means~~ image data in a lowest resolution layer, or for processing the image so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and outputting the processed image data.

Claims 2 and 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1,

wherein said output means enlarges the image data in the lowest resolution layer to a size of image data in a highest resolution layer, and outputs the enlarged data.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said determination means determines the specific image when the image data has a copyright.

Claims 6-41 (canceled).

Claim 42 (currently amended): An image processing method comprising:

[[the]] an input step, of inputting image data ~~having a hierarchical structure~~
which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a
plurality of resolutions;

[[the]] an determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image; and

[[the]] an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected and outputted, or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and the processed image data is outputted ~~of selecting and outputting a layer to be output of the image data on the basis of the determination result.~~

Claim 43-46 (canceled).

Claim 47 (currently amended): A storage medium that stores a program of an image process, said program having at least:

[[a]] code ~~of the~~ for an input step, of inputting image data ~~having a~~

hierarchical structure which complies with a hierarchical data format that hierarchically stores image data of a plurality of resolutions;

[[a]]code ~~of the~~ for a determination step, of determining if the image data is a specific image; and

[[a]] code ~~of the~~ for an output step, in which, when it is determined in said determination step that the image data is the specific image, image data in a lowest resolution layer is selected and outputted, or the image data is processed so that the image data is not faithfully reproduced and the processed image data is outputted ~~of selecting and outputting a layer to be output of the image data on the basis of the determination result.~~

Claims 48-51 (canceled).